69th Year, Issue No. 5

# Message from the Mayor

July 2018



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Let's Celebrate

Many Cultures, Many Talents
SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018
11:00 AM-4:00 PM



Tayac Park (at the end of Terrell and Ottawa Street)

COME PICKUP YOUR FREE MEAL TICKETS FOR FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DAY FESTIVAL at the MUNICIPAL BUILDING between 9:00 a.m.-4:30p.m.

NO TICKETS WILL BE PASSED OUT AT THE PARK.

Note: Each Ticket is valued at \$7.00 Dollars

Forest Heights Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m., starting at North Huron Drive at Bell Acre's Park and end at Comanche Drive. Featuring the **DC** 's Different Drummers and Forest Heights Limitless All Starz Dancers.

The day will feature food, events, games, community information booth, live Bands, Jazz and R&B and a lot more-fun for the entire family . Bring your lawn chair and party.

Come out and watch the parade. Live Music to begin at 12:30 p.m.

For more Information, to speak at the event, or to register to be a vendor call Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins (Bean) or Ms. Kathleen Via. Deadline is July 20, 2018. 301-839-1030/kvia@forestheightsmd.gov

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WILL BE CELEBRATED

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

TOWN HALL, 5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE at 7:00 PM



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# **Town Community News**

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 01 - 18

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND TO APPROVE, AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET

The general purpose of the Budget Ordinance is to appropriate sums and amounts for the 2018-2019 Budget of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland in the following areas of the General Fund.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, that the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the Town of Forest Heights is hereby approved by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland such that the sums and amounts appropriated are hereby adopted for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, to defray expenses and operations costs for the Town of Forest Heights as follows:

#### REVENUES

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$4,351,166.00	
Town Real Estate Taxes - Noncommercial	\$992,000.00	
Town Real Estate Taxes - Commercial	\$69,633.00	
Income Taxes	\$210,300.00	
Other Taxes	\$77,000.00	
Trash Fee	\$164,149.00	
INTERGOVERNMENT	\$467,920.00	
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$12,800.00	
TOWN SERVICES	\$8,246.00	
SPEED CAMERA	\$800,000.00	
OTHER REVENUES	\$129,400.00	
OTHER FINANCING	\$1,000,000.00	
FUND BALANCE	\$419,718.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,351,166.00	

#### <u>EXPENDITURES</u>

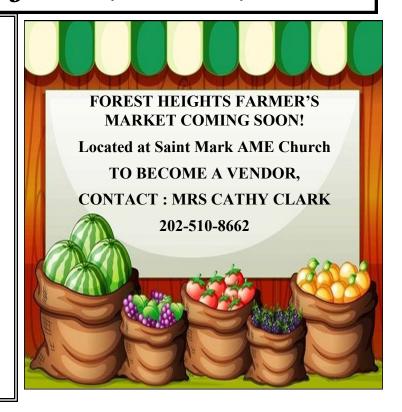
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$60,755.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$318,060.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$223,320.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$776,640.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$336,820.00
SPEED CAMERA	
Direct Speed Camera Cost	\$343,075.00
Allowable Expenses	\$15,200.00
STREET IMPROVEMENTS	\$785,000.00
TRASH SERVICES EXPENSE	\$170,424.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$374,290.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENSE	\$366,500.00
STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	\$43,000.00
TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$31,505.00
GRANTS - RESTRICTED FUNDING	\$259,850.00
FUND BALANCE	\$246,727.00
SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$4,351,166.00

\$4,351,166.00

COME JOIN THE FOREST HEIGHTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018 at 7:00PM
TOWN HALL
5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE







# **Neighborhood Watch**

#### ATTENTION ALL FOREST HEIGHTS RESIDENTS

Help us keep a lid on crime in our community in 2018. Become a part of the Neighborhood Watch.

#### FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE JUNE 2018

911 DISCONNECT	47
ACCIDENT	7
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	2
ASSIST FIRE EMS	3
BREAK IN IN PROGRESS	4
CHECK WELFARE	5
CVA ABUSE	1
DEPT ACCIDENT	1
DISORDERLY CONDCT	17
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	4
FAMILY DISPUTE	6
FIGHT	1
HIGHWAY ACCIDENT	1
HIT AND RUN	1
LOUD MUSIC COMPLAINT	2
MISC. INCIDENTS	9
NOTIFICATION	2
OVERDOSE	1
PAST SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1
PREMISE CHECK	151

47	RESIDENTIAL ALARM	6
7	STOLEN VEHICLE	1
2	SUBJECT STOP	11
3	SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT (s)	5
4	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	1
5	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)	13
1	THEFT REPORT	4
1	THREATS COMPLAINT	1
17	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	5
4	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	5
6	VANDALISM	1
1	<b>Total Calls Handled:</b>	333
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#### POLICE STATION 5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

This Station is Open to the Public Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Town Hall Station 301-839-4040** 

(Emergency) 911

(Non-Emergency)

(301) 352-1200

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We regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Ronnie Parker on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, and of Lillian Elizabeth Whittington on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Our deepest condolences are with their families. *Town of Forest Heights Mayor, Council and Staff.* 

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#### **HEALTHY HEIGHTS SEMINAR: JULY**



The Town of Forest Heights will hold a free seminar on Monday, July 9.at 1pm at the Municipal Building on **Senior Safety**. Seminars are held on the 2nd Monday of the month, unless specified otherwise.

# HEALTHY HEIGHTS SEMINAR: IDENTITY THEFT

The Town of Forest Heights was pleased to host its monthly seminar as part of the Healthy Heights program. We had a great response from the community. Thank you to Sergeant Rease for your informative and helpful presentation!



FOREST HEIGHTS HAS A CHEER & DANCE PROGRAM

"LIMITLESS ALL STARZ"

EVERY SATURDAY 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

AGES 8 YRS TO 18 YRS.

**Contact Nicole at 301-404-6772** 



Are you doing all you can for your Health?

Seniors Exercise Classes Mondays and Wednesdays,

Class Begins at 12:00 noon



FREE SUMMER MEALS will be offered to PGCPS students under 18 years at

#### OXON HILL LIBRARY

**Monday-Thursday** 



June 26– August 18 12:30PM-1:00PM.

Questions? Call the Oxon Hill Branch at 301-839-2400.

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is operated by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Free Programs and Single Family Special Loans are available. Several Forest Heights residents took advantage of the Free Home Weatherization Program;

These were awarded through a Collaboration Grant from the MEA. We are continuously seeking ways to assist residents and ask that residents take advantage of these grants. Call Ms. Kathleen Via at 301-839-1030 if you are interested in our ongoing program for weatherization.

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Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Less than	Number of People Living in House	. Owner(s) Only Annual Income Less than
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1	\$123,600.00	8	\$131,600.00	



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018! WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND KNOW YOU WILL GO ON TO DO GREAT **THINGS** 

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# Heights, MD 20745.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND

**BUSINESSES:ADVERTISE YOUR** 

BUSINESS IN YOUR TOWN

**COMMUNITY NEWS** 

Monthly Advertising Rates are as follows

Full Page—\$150 Half Page—\$100 Quarter Page \$50 Business Card—\$15 Inserts -\$75 Minimum 2 Month Minimum Advertisement

Circulation is approx. 1,000 copies. This includes distribution

to Forest Heights residents, businesses, community churches

Deadline to submit articles or advertisements for the newsletter

is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Articles are to be turned in via email to kvia@forestheightsmd.gov or sent to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest

and other Prince George's County Municipalities.

#### ATTENTION FOREST HEIGHTS RESIDENTS

We want to make sure that our Newsletter is reaching you. If you wish to receive the Town Newsletter electronically, please let us know by

emailing kvia@forestheightsmd.gov. If you or anyone you know has not been receiving the physical Newsletter, call us at 301-839-1030.

#### **QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICAID?**

The Prince George's Senior Provider Network offers information on Medicaid eligibility with MEDICAID MONDAYS MEETING on July 9, 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Location: Byrd & Byrd,14300 Gallant Fox Lane, Suite 120, Bowie, MD



# FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DAY FESTIVAL

#### **ATTENTION RESIDENTS!**

Our Forest Heights Community Day is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 4th.</u> The day will begin with a parade at 10am, going from North Huron Drive to Comanche Drive.

#### **SHOW YOUR WARD PRIDE!**

We are looking for residents to join us in representing their neighborhoods in the parade. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our community pride. Please call 301-839-1030 to show your interest.

Wear Yellow for Ward I Wear Green for Ward II Wear Pink for Ward III

#### HEALTH COOLING STATION LOCATIONS

The Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management would like to remind citizens who are in need of relief from the heat to seek shelter in air-conditioned facilities such as shopping malls, libraries, grocery stores or movie theaters. Citizens are also encouraged to utilize one of the designated Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Recreational Cooling Centers to seek relief. These neighborhood facilities are open to County residents during normal business hours.

Some locations in the southern part of the county include:

- Glassmanor Community Center, 1101 Marcy Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD 20745, Ph. 301-567-6033
- Hillcrest Heights Community Center, 2300 Oxon Run Drive, Temple Hills, MD 20748, Ph. 301-505-0897
- Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex, 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744, Ph: 301-749-4160
- **Suitland Community Center**, 5600 Regency Lane, Forestville, MD 20747, Ph. 301-736-3518
- **Temple Hills Community Center**, 5300 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills, MD 20748, Ph. 301-894-6616

For a complete list of Cooling Centers, please visit <a href="http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/EmergencyManagement/Resources/CoolingStations/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/EmergencyManagement/Resources/CoolingStations/Pages/default.aspx</a>.



Prince George's County 9-1-1
Center: In partnership with
the Coalition for Public
Safety Training in Schools,
Inc. PRESENTS:



FREE Public Safety Educational Tour Prince Georges County 9-1-1 Center 17321 Melford Blvd, Bowie MD

TOUR DATE: Saturday, July 28, 2018

Depart: Oxon Hill High School, 6701 Leyte Drive, Oxon Hill,

Maryland 20745 Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM To Register: Call (301) 717-2011 or email

drobinson@cpsts.org and complete the permission slip by July

23, 2018.

Note: This tour is not sponsored by the Prince George's

County Public Schools.

For additional information or questions, call (240) 508-4203 or email wtaylor46@earthlink.net.

**July 2018** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORK SESSION 7:30pm	3	4. Independence Day. Town Hall Closed	5 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	6	7 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
	Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling					
8	9 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Senior Exercise 12-1pm Seminar 1-2pm	10 Community Book Discussion "Tumbling" 2-3pm Oxon Hill Library	11 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	12 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	13	14 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
15	16 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Senior Exercise 12-1pm	17	18 Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00pm	19 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	20	21 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
22	23 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Senior Exercise 12-1pm	24	25 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	26 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	27	28 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
29	30 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Senior Exercise 12-1pm	31	1 AUGUST Senior Exercise 12-1pm	2 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	3	4 FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DAY Tayac Park 11AM-4PM

**Local Forest Heights** 

**Post Customer** 

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# Town Community News (continued)

FROM THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MR. HAWKINS: Grass Heights should be below 8".



#### PET WASTE STATION REMINDER

The Town of
Forest Heights
installed 10 Pet
Waste Stations in
June 2018. Please
take the time to use
these stations, and
prevent pollution.
We invite you to
do your part to
keep our Town
clean.





Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.,

MONDAY-Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights residential Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans. The law prohibits the use of plastic bags for yard waste.

Tree limbs must still be tied together in small bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY-Bulk (Three Items or Less)

**METAL PICK-UP**: Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 (paid in advance)

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each: Tires \$15.00 each

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236 8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m. www.forestheightsmd.gov

Information Line: (240)-493-6998

### Forest Heights Notary

9 am -12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4-:30 pm Monday - Friday

#### Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad—ext. 1223

Hmuhammad@forestheightsmd.gov

#### TOWN COUNCIL

Ward I

#### **Robert Barnes**

rbarnes@forestheightsmd.gov

#### **Calvin Washington**

cwashingtson@forestheightsmd.gov

#### Ward II

#### Jonathon Kennedy II

jkennedy2@forestheightsmd.gov

#### Theresa Brownson

Tbrownson@forestheightsmd.gov

#### **Ward III**

#### **Brian McLaurin**

bmclaurin@forestheightsmd.gov

#### **Taunya Hines**

Thines@forestheightsmd.gov

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

Linwood Robinson, Town Administrator—ext. 1234 lrobinson@forestheightsmd.gov

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk—ext. 1233

shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

Kathleen Via, Administrative Assistant—ext. 1229 kvia@forestheightsmd.gov

Leittia Vaughn, Town Treasurer-ext. 1235 lvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov

Larry Vaughn,

#### Public Work Director-ext 1231

LDVaughn@forestheightsmd.gov

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

(301) 839-4040

#### Chief of Police Pablo Mitchell-ext. 1224

pmitchell@forestheightsmd.gov

#### Latessa Crawford, Police Clerk-ext. 1225

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#### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Joseph Hawkins-ext.1228

codeenforcement@forestheightsmd.gov

Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911** 

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